

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Community Room at the Burlington Police Department on **Tuesday, October 25, 2016**. Commissioner Kemp Longmore called the meeting order at 6:06 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Christine Kemp Longmore, Commissioner Shireen Hart, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Nyree Miles, and Commissioner Andrew Plumley. Also present were Chief Brandon del Pozo, Deputy Chief Jannine Wright, and Brion Houston, Police Commission Clerk.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:

~There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

Public Forum:

~Saben Hart, Ninth grader at Burlington High School, addressed political questions to Chief del Pozo for a Civic class assignment.

Chief's Report:

~Chief del Pozo introduced Brion Houston, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police.

~Chief del Pozo updated the commission on the federal COPS grant. Chief del Pozo stated this awarded up to 5 police officers for 5 years. Commissioner Kemp Longmore asked if it adds to additional special assignments. Chief advised that he does want to increase the Detective force.

~Chief del Pozo advised the recruitment study from last month has been finalized and is now available online. There was feedback from the Vermont Police Academy. Test preparation guides are going into production. Some have already been distributed to police officers.

~Violent crime has gone down meanwhile domestic violence has risen.

~Chief del Pozo addressed the commission with statistics showing mental health calls have risen to 8%, Overdose calls have risen to 96%. Motor vehicle theft calls have risen, noise complaints and robberies have decreased.

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore asked about the use of Narcan and its effectiveness. Chief del Pozo advised police officers have saved lives after administering Narcan, calling it successful. Chief del Pozo noted that police officers have used Narcan after being dispatched to suspicious calls even without the presence of Paramedics.

~Chief del Pozo mentioned new hire, Jackie Corbally, the citywide Opioid Policy Manager. Jackie has created a Twitter account to keep the public informed about the opioid issue, stating in part "...coordinating a better response and solution to the opiate crisis." Jackie and partners in the medical community have secured treatment slots outside of the waiting list for addicted patients.

~Newly created CommStat will hold their first meeting November 10th in the Community Room at the Burlington Police Department. This meeting is focused on using real people and real cases to publicly address the opiate issues as a data driven case review.

~Chief del Pozo stated his idea to partner with NYU for guidelines for Civilians and police officers, a mutual cooperation to filming police. The ACLU has reviewed the constructive partnership. There will be information in either a brochure or poster form.

~Chief del Pozo advised the third quarter car stop data is available online.

Update on Council of Accountability with Law Enforcement Officers :

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore stated the steering committee is now in place. They have met and will meet again. She also stated they have been working together for a year.

Reports from Commissioners about Mental Health Crisis Response Research:

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore stated she spoke to Laurie Emerson at NAMI and Ward Nial approximately 2 weeks ago. She also stated that Ward was working on the ride along process for recruiting individuals. There is a written proposal for the "survivors".

Update on Fair and Impartial Policing:

~Clerk Houston stated Vermont State Police Captain Ingrid Jonas, Director of Fair and Impartial and Community Affairs, is available to come to the next meeting to talk about their response to findings from race data collection.

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore stated members from the Vermont Police Academy were traveling around the state to provide better training regarding concerns of disparity. Comments were also made about the diverse police force.

Review of Any Incoming Correspondence:

~Nothing to report.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~Commissioner Simpson addressed a compliment to Lt. John Young noting his professionalism.

~Commissioner Simpson addressed a compliment to Det. Lt. Michael Warren for his "helpful response" regarding dogs in a vehicle during the summer.

~Commissioner Simpson raised a question to Chief del Pozo from a citizen regarding recently purchased robots. In response, Chief del Pozo stated these pint size robots are unarmed and cannot fly; a major concern to citizens. Chief del Pozo stated these robots have been used in New York City and Chicago as an effective device to check potentially dangerous situations without police confrontation. These robots are remote controlled with night vision. At this time, there is no written technology plan.

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore mentioned the positive response at the NPA meeting stating they are looking at ways to highlight positive policing.

~Chief del Pozo stated the Gallup survey, a pole regarding respect to police, reached an all time high since 1967.

~Commissioner Plumley requested an update on the North End Traffic pattern. Chief del Pozo responded stating that Eric Fowler's analysis on the traffic has proven the pilot project to be effective and safer for everyone.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meeting:

~Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:

~Commissioner Hart inquired a Conference Bridge for the next meeting due to the holiday, fearing those not able to attend. Police Commission Clerk Houston offered assistance with scheduling the Conference Bridge making the next meeting possible.

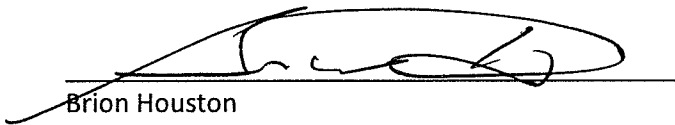
Executive Session:

~Commissioner Kemp Longmore stated an Executive session was not necessary following this meeting

Adjournment:

~Commissioner Hart moved the motion of adjournment at 6:46 PM. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting has been moved to adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brion Houston", is written over a horizontal line.

Brion Houston
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police
Clerk of Police Commission

11/22/16
Date